

ABSTRACT

A method and switching system that provisions to subscribers a geographically-specific telephone number. The geographically-specific telephone number is useable by the public switched network (PSTN) and translated by the switching system to connect

5 the call to the subscriber that may be situated outside the geographic local associated with the geographically-specific telephone number. To complete a call, the switching system translates the geographically-specific telephone number to a global customer address of the system. The global customer address is sent to the local exchange carrier (LEC) or internet service provider (ISP) associated with the geographical local of the

10 customer using the global customer address. The switching system also provides call identification capability when the subscriber makes a call to a user on the PSTN.